SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). Except for delays in implementation the financial assistance received from the World Bank is being utilised according to terms amd conditions of the agreement. Slow progress is attributable largely to delays in procurement of Civil Works, submersible pumps, installation of dedicated feeder lines and budgetary resources.

[English]

Pakistan Minister's address to General Assembly regarding Jammu and Kashmir

1147. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAT PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State for Foreign Affiars of Pakistan in his recent address to the United Nations General Assembly *inter-alia* reffered to the Kashmir issue; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Pakistan Minister in his address to the UN General Assembly on September, 30,1991 had made a number of references and allegations against India in the context of the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. The Indian representative responded on the same day and effectively countered all charges. He also highlighted Pakistan's open interference in India's internal affairs and support to terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

LPG Agencies in Madhya Pradesh

1148. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies allocated in Madhya Pradesh during the last one year;

(b) whether the Government propose to allot more LPG agencies in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the number thereof and the place identified for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Five LPG distributorships were allotted in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1990-91.

(b) and (c) LPG distributorships are opened as per marketing Plans and policy from time to time.

Pakistan Prime Minister's Speech on Kashmir Issue at Colombo

1149. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned " Pak rakes up J-K issue in Colombo" appearing in the Indian Express dated November 9,1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's regret and concern was conveyed to the Government of Sri Lanka for permitting its soil to be used for rhetoric against India. The Government of Sri Lanka have informed us that while they could not have anticipated the remarks that the visiting Pakistani Prime Minister would make, they had duly noted the concern expressed by the Government of India.